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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the following discussion.

In the Office Action, Claim 1 was objected-to under U.S.C. 112 Paragraph 2 as being indefinite. The applicant has hereby amended the claim to include a "vacuum latch chamber" limitation, thereby providing the requisite antecedent basis and rendering the claim and therefore its dependent claims 2 through 4 and 6 through 9 in condition for allowance, in accordance with the examiner's remarks.

In the Office Action, Claims 10 through 15, 19, and 20 were rejected. The Applicant hereby withdraws those claims by cancellation, not as an admission of agreement with the rejections, but only with the desire to move the case, which is finally-rejected, towards allowance and with the intention to resubmit those claims in a continuation application to be filed at a later date.

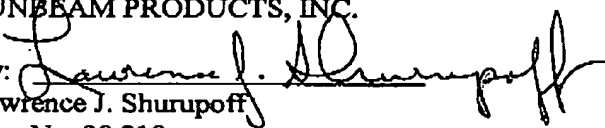
In the Office Action, Claim 12 through 15 and 19 were provisionally rejected for nonstatutory double patenting. Cancellation of those claims has hereby rendered this cause of rejection moot.

In the Office Action, Claim 18 was deemed allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of Claims 10 through 15, as has been done herein.

In the Office Action, Claims 38 through 41 were rejected for being drawn to a non-elected invention. The Applicant hereby withdraws those claims with the intention to resubmit them in a divisional application to be filed at a later date.

The Applicant believes that Claims 1 through 4, 6 through 9, and 18 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests prompt notification of the same.

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